पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (ग) पिछले 5 वर्षों के दौरान सरकार ने 408 अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कारवाई की है। इनमें दिये गये 239 बड़े दंड निहित हैं, जिसमें 6 बर्खास्तगी के मामले शामिल हैं। 70 छोटे दंड दिये गये और 99 मामलों में अधिकारियों की निन्दा की गई अथवा दोष मुक्त किया गया है। इसके अतिरिक्त 274 मामले छानबीन के विभिन्न स्थितियों में हैं जिसमें 19 अधिकारियों को निलंबित कर दिया गया है।

(घ) तेल कम्पनियों के सतर्कता विंग ने ऐसे मामलों का पता लगाने के लिए निगरानी कार्य अपने हाथ में लिया है।

Supply of Paraffin Wax to Gujarat

313. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat State has been given less quota of paraffin wax causing hardships to 300 Small Scale Units having approximate requirement of about 4600 M.T.; and

(b) what action has been taken by the Central Government in respect of increasing quota of paraffin wax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Paraffin wax is a deficit product and allocation to States depends upon the availability of the product. Presently the availability of paraffin wax is far less than the total requirement of various States/Union Territories including Gujarat and therefore increased allocations could not be made. Import of paraffin wax has been decanalised for easy availability to users.

Import of Petroleum and Petroleum Products

314. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total anticipated quantity and value of imported petrol and petroleum products, crude oil and natural gas in the year 1992-93;

(b) whether the quantity of imports of these products was more than that of last year; and

(c) if so, the reasons for that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a and (b):

Quantity : MMT
Value : US $ Million

	1991-92*		1992-93*	
	Quantity	value	Quantity	value
Crude	23.994	3001	29.420	3903.95
Petroleum products	9.445	2001	10.505	2211.77

*Provisional.

Petrol and Natural Gas are not imported.

(c) The higher import of crude oil and petroleum products during 1992-93 is on account of shortfall in indigenous crude production, improved utilisation of refining capacity and increase in the demand.

Discrimination in regard to allotment of Kerosene to Karnataka

315. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Karnataka has been discriminated against in regard to allotment of Kerosene, which is a poor man's fuel;

(b) whether the present basis of allotment of Kerosene is proposed to be changed taking into account the area and population as recorded in the current census;

(c) whether Government are aware that the denial of minimum needs of Kerosene to the masses as fuel for cooking and lighting will lead to deforestation and depletion of natural resources; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to ensure increased availability of Kerosene in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Allocation of kerosene to States|UTs is made on a historical basis, without any discrimination, subject to availability of product and is being maintained at the same level as during 1991-92. On account of constraints of product availability due to limited foreign exchange availability and import capacity, it is not possible to increase the allocation to the States. However, to increase the availability of kerosene in the country, facility of parallel marketing for import distribution and sale of kerosene by private entrepreneurs at market prices have been announced recently.

Expansion Plans for Bharat Petroleum

316. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 116 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th July, 1992 and state the present position of the schemes mentioned therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): The present position of the schemes is as follows :—

(1) Setting up a grassroot refinery in Central India as a joint venture:—

Government have approved on 27.1.93 preparation of a Detailed Feasibility Report for setting up the refinery.

(2) Additional Benzene Capacity at Bombay Refinery:—

BPCL has been asked to update the Feasibility Report.

(3) Manufacture of MTBE :—

The project has been approved and is under implementation.

(4) Laying of Bombay-Manmad Product Pipeline :—

Government have approved on 24-4-92 preparation of a Detailed Feasibility Report for laying the pipeline.

(5) LPG Bottling Plants, new Depots|Installation|Tank wagon Siding. Import facility at Nhawa Sheva; Lube Blending Plant at Asoti/Madras; fore shore Terminal at Kandla etc.:—

These are at various stages of processing by M|s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.